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## SENSATIONAL MEETING.

MAYOR FISHER GIVES VENT TO ANGRY SENTIMENTS.

Charges That the Printing of the Town Report Was Delayed—Claims the Cause of Delays Was to Defeat Water Main Legislation—Letter Attributed to James J. Thompson by the Mayor.

At the Town Council meeting Monday night the question of extension of the water mains was again a topic of discussion. When this matter was up for discussion several weeks ago it was obvious that there was a decided difference of opinion among the members of the Council as to the policy to be pursued in making extensions of the mains.

The chairman of the water committee made a report at a previous meeting of the Council setting forth a plan of extension recommended by the water committee. The water committee's recommendation was supported by Councilmen Hephburn and Chabot and was opposed by Councilmen Farrand, Murray and Davis. Every member of the Council conceded the necessity for extension of the mains. The difference of opinion was on the amount of extension to be authorized at the present time. A bill signed by Governor Stokes limiting the amount of bonds to be issued in any one year for water main extensions to \$5,000 put a temporary check to further discussion of the project; and it was laid over for one month by mutual consent and came up in regular course Monday night.

In the course of the previous discussion of the water main extension problem much stress was laid by the opposition on the present financial status of the water department. Mr. Murray requested a financial statement and Mr. Green submitted one, but it was not satisfactory to Mr. Murray, and one reason for laying the matter over for one month was that the annual town report was expected by that time, and in which a financial statement would give the desired information.

When the water committee was called upon for a report Monday night by Mayor Fisher Mr. Green said that the reason for not bringing up the question of the extension of the water mains was that the members of the Council had not yet made themselves familiar with the state of the water department set forth in the town report, as that document was not ready yet.

This request brought out the statement that the town report was not yet issued. Mayor Fisher charged that the report was being held back for the purpose of delaying action on the water main extension. He said that he had been given to understand that the printing of the report could be done in one week.

The question was raised as to when the copy was placed in the printer's hands.

Clark Johnson stated that he placed all the copy in his hands with William A. Bittacher, Jr., on May 15th.

Mr. Green, who wrote the reading matter preliminary to the financial report of the water department, stated that the printer had sent to his house the copy and he furnished it on the 25th of May.

Mr. Farrand, chairman of the printing committee, arose and proceeded to make a statement, giving the printer's side of the case as to the delay, when Mayor Fisher cut him short with the exclamation: "I would not believe that man under oath."

Mr. Farrand quickly dropped into his chair.

Mayor Fisher reiterated his charge that the report was purposely held back to delay action on the water main extension. "A certain man," continued the Mayor, "has been going around requesting Councilmen not to vote for the adoption of the recommendation of the water committee because there was graft in it."

"That same man came to my house when the water contract was under consideration and tried to persuade me to make a contract with the East Jersey Water Company at \$80 per million gallons. He did not say anything about graft then."

"That same man came again and endeavored to induce me to sign a \$70 contract with the East Jersey company, but said nothing about graft at that time. When the contract was finally made at \$65 per million gallons he was among the first to come forward with congratulations and say the contract was a good one and he knew we would get it for that price."

The Mayor named James J. Thompson as the man who had been to see him and tried to persuade him to vote for an \$80 contract with the East Jersey company. He subsequently made it quite clear that he meant that Messrs. Thompson and Bittacher were the men who were trying to defeat the water committee's recommendation for extending mains.

"In all the proceedings in connection

with the contract there was no graft talk, but now when it is proposed to spend a few thousand dollars to meet the demands of the people for water mains there is much talk about graft, and all for the purpose of defeating a measure that will be of some benefit to Brookdale. According to some people Brookdale must not get anything, but the Council must get it all. I know that if the water main is laid in Broad street as recommended the town will be repaid for the expenditure within five years. Another thing in favor of the plan of the water committee is the double amount of fire protection it would afford.

"At present," the Mayor said, "the town is dependent for fire protection on a single main system. If anything happens to that main the town is completely shut off from water, both for consumption and fire protection."

The Mayor's speech was followed by a general discussion of the extension of mains. Mr. Green opposed acting on applications in any particular sections for new water mains until action on the recommendations of the water committee was disposed of.

In the discussion of the water question Mr. Murray said that the blame for the delay was being placed in the wrong place. The cause was in the Council itself. As a member of the Council he had asked for a financial statement showing the condition of the water department.

"Well, you got the statement, didn't you?" replied the Mayor.

"Yes," replied Mr. Murray, "but it was not a satisfactory one."

The Mayor contended that the water committee had compiled with the request.

Mr. Murray disputed that, and added that what the water committee furnished was a "fake" statement so far as it gave the information desired. The water committee's statement showed a balance of over \$5,000 to the credit of the department and did not take into account the sum of \$4,000 due the water company for water consumed."

"The statement shows that, does it not?" the Mayor asked.

"Well, here is a copy of it," said Mr. Murray, drawing it from his pocket.

Mr. Green then offered an explanatory statement to the effect that the reason the amount due for water was not in the financial statement was because no bill for water had been rendered and the water committee did not know what the amount would be.

Mr. Murray contended that the amount could be closely approximated, and any statement intended to show a true condition of affairs approximates as nearly as possible all outstanding obligations.

The water matter was then dropped, and the Council proceeded with other business.

### LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

The applications for inn and tavern, saloon and wholesale licenses will be found published in another part of this paper. There are twenty-three applications. Nineteen of the applications are for inn and tavern licenses, two for wholesale places and two for saloons.

Seven of the applications are from the First ward, four from the Second ward and twelve from the Third ward. The two new applications in addition to those now in force are from the Second ward and the applicants are Sigmund Levandowski, for a saloon at No. 42 Myrtle avenue, and Stanley Yasky, for an inn and tavern at No. 60 Look street.

### LAWN FESTIVAL.

The annual lawn festival given by the German Theological Seminary to the friends of the institution was held on the seminary grounds Monday afternoon, and was attended by 200 persons from German Presbyterian churches in New York and New Jersey. Addressed were made by Rev. Christopher Bauer, pastor of the German Presbyterian Church of Jamaica, Long Island, and Rev. Herman Schulz of the German Theological Seminary. Miss Lydia Steinbock of Brooklyn sang "The Morn Eternal." A collection was taken for the repair fund of the seminary.

### Electric Park.

Everything is running smoothly at Electric Park and the big outdoor spectacle, the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, has proved one of the greatest sensations ever seen in this city. This stupendous combination of mechanism and pyrotechnics has never been equalled in any display since the World's Fair in Chicago, and Manager A. C. Dunlap, who designed the entire exhibit and his staff of capable assistants have been the recipients of many congratulations all week.

### Crushed the Ice Man.

Howard W. Freeman of Benson street, proprietor of the People's Ice Company, was severely hurt Sunday morning at the Swift Beef Company's establishment in Orange. Freeman was superintending the unloading of a car of ice when a large block fell on his left foot, crushing the latter. He was attended by a physician and then removed to his home.

"In all the proceedings in connection

### CHILDREN'S DAY

Will Be Observed in the Churches To-Morrow—Special Programme Arranged—Children's Exercises Will Be a Special Feature.

The church festival known as Children's Day will be observed to-morrow in the churches of this town. Special programmes of services in which exercises by the children will be a conspicuous feature, have been arranged in several of the churches.

Children's Day will be observed by the Westminster Church on Sunday morning by the baptism of infants and a special sermon to children by the pastor. The Sunday-school will assemble at 10:30 and march into the church. In the evening the pastor will use his lantern for the benefit of the children, showing Home's pictures of Jesus, views of the missionary work in Korea, to which the Sunday-school contributes, together with some illustrated hymns.

The Children's Day programme in the Watseasing Methodist Church will consist of a special sermon by the pastor at the morning service. The topic will be "Paul's Sister's Son." In the afternoon at 8 o'clock the exercises of the primary department of the Sunday-school will take place, and also the baptism of infants. The Sunday-school programme for the evening service is entitled "The Hidden Treasure."

"The Building of the Temple," a sacred cantata, will be sung in Montgomery Chapel to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the members of the Sunday-school.

W. S. Phaneer will direct the music and Miss Florence Grundy will preside at the organ. The soloists will be Mr. Travis, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Floyd, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Berry, Miss Dewar and Mrs. Travis.

The chorus will be as follows: Sparrows—Misses Ruth Boyd, Jennie Carter, Emma McCullum, Anna Hamilton, Grace Palmer, Elsie Whitfield, Mrs. C. M. Turner and Mrs. W. H. Smith; alto—Mrs. Thomas Berry, Mrs. James Travis, Misses Edna Dewar, Florence Faier, Emma Haig and Edith Kohler; tenors—Messrs. Harry Bennington, Thomas Berry, Edward Rovaire, James Bowbotham, W. H. Simpson, James Travis and Paul Williams; basses—Messrs. Isaac Edwards, Robert Lloyd, James Salter, Arthur Haig and Andrew McCullum; junior chorus—Helen Berry, Thomas Berry, Helen Boardman, Frank Dilk, Elsie Dilk, Willie Dilk, Archibald Dewar, Sadie Dewar, Alice Haig, Lillian Miller, Ethel Turner and Irene Whitfield.

The organist will be Ogden Rassbach.

The marriage of Ralph Ogden of Cripple Creek, Colo., and Miss Elizabeth Rassbach of this town took place in Cripple Creek on Saturday evening, June 2d, at the home of the bride's brother, Henry S. Rassbach. The Rev. James Wallace Cabeen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cripple Creek, officiated. Mr. Rassbach's home was beautifully decorated with carnations, amilax and pine branches.

Only a small company of intimate friends witnessed the ceremony, which was celebrated in the parlors on the second floor. Never had the bride looked more attractive than on her wedding day, dressed in a robe of lace and mull. After the ceremony the company formed in a march to the strains of Lohengrin to the parlors on the first floor, where refreshments were served and a happy evening enjoyed.

"Miss Jessie," as she is popularly called, has greatly endeared herself to Colorado people, especially to the young people of the Baptist Church there. She is the efficient president of the B. Y. P. U. Mr. Ogden is well known in the Cripple Creek District. The best wishes of a host of friends goes with them.

Higgins-Seymour.

Miss Elizabeth Seymour, daughter of John Seymour, former president of the Orange Common Council, was married Wednesday morning in St. John's Oshkosh Church, Orange, to Thomas Higgins of Glen Ridge. The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. M. J. McDonald, assistant rector of the church, was followed by a wedding breakfast at the bride's home, 155 Day street, Orange.

Miss Katherine Seymour, a cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid, and the best man was William Higgins, a brother of the groom.

The bride was attired in a champagne colored travelling gown of chiffon taffeta, and she carried a prayer book. Her attendant also wore chiffon taffeta. Only the immediate relatives were present at the wedding breakfast, after which Mr. and Mrs. Higgins left for Atlantic City. They will reside at 155 Day street, Orange.

Vauxhall Track.

Another exciting card of cycle races has been framed up for the meet at Vauxhall board track, Newark, next Sunday afternoon. The sport is coming back to its own again and the crowds attending the games are beyond all expectation. The sport, too, is of a high class and the management intends to keep it right up to the high standard.

Indications are that the people of Essex county are becoming alive to the Senatorial situation and are bent on making it known that this county does not propose to surrender the Senatorial honors.

Have your lawn mower put in shape by S. E. Townsend through Fremont Ave., Bloomfield Centre.—Add.

### BASE-BALL.

High School Boys Defeated Over the Victory Won from the Newark Team—Bloomfield and Watseasing Teams Again Victorious—A New Base-Ball Combination Formed.

The Bloomfield High School team defeated the Newark High School team at Morris Park Thursday by a score of 10 to 4. Newark led by a score of 4 to 1 until the ninth, when Bloomfield hit Taylor all over the lot for a total of nine runs, turning what looked like sure defeat into victory. The Newark school had a strong team on the field. Taylor received excellent support, and had it not been for the fatal blith he would have secured an easy victory.

Tydemann, the local pitcher, was in good form and allowed but two hits. The hitting, however, of the home lads was of the highest order, and together with fast fielding, brought them victory.

This victory is one of the most important of the many won by the local High School team this year, and was an occasion for great rejoicing among the boys.

It is said that both Fred Jenny and Patsey Donovan, managers of the Boston and Brooklyn National League ball teams have been in town recently looking over the young blood in the Watseasing and Bloomfield clubs.

After about a month of doubt it has been definitely settled who is to manage and what the name of the new ball team is to be. It will be called the "Unknowns," and will play alternate every Wednesday, after 5 o'clock, either with the Watseasing or Bloomfield clubs. On Saturdays it will act as a travelling club, balling all through Essex county.

On Sunday afternoon at 3:15 the Lyceum ball team will play the strong Central Railroad Association of Newark at the Lyceum Oval at Soho.

The Bloomfield Base-ball Club easily defeated the Richmond Hill Base-ball Club on the Williamson oval last Saturday afternoon. Calder was in good condition and held the visitors down to four hits. The playing of Marshall for Richmond Hill and Hambacher and Wartfield for the home team were features.

This afternoon the Bloomfield Club will have as opponents the Liberty Field Club of Newark. This team defeated the locals twice last year by close scores, and a great game is expected.

FRUIT AND FLOWER LEAGUE.

A Bloomfield branch of the National Fruit and Flower Guild has been organized and flowers are to be sent to New York for distribution there one day each week during the summer season. A beginning was made last week, Friday, June 1st, when a generous supply was forwarded to that city. If any ladies who have not already been asked have flowers to contribute, if they will give their names to one of the following officers of the guild they will see that the flowers are called for without further care to the donor. Mrs. Frank Lally, President, 424 Franklin street; Mrs. Fred Boardman, Secretary, 70 Washington street; Miss Boardman, Treasurer, 17 Washington place.

A Garden Party.

A garden party was given on Tuesday afternoon by the Woman's Club of Glen Ridge at the residence of Mrs. John W. Stewart, 325 Ridgewood avenue, in that borough. The lawn surrounding the house was crowded with club women from various parts of the State. Representatives from almost every club in this vicinity were present. The feature of the affair was the May pole dance of little children. The little boys and girls carried shepherd crooks and floral garlands, and to the strains of an old English May pole song, the little ones sang and danced themselves into favor with the club women.

Refreshments were served, and the affair was most successful. Miss Alice Brauer was chairman of the committee in charge.

SENATOR DRYDEN A CANDIDATE.

United States Senator John F. Dryden is a candidate for re-election. There is no doubt about that. The announcement of the Senator's candidacy has met with enthusiastic response of approval from all parts of the State.

Councilman Anthony K. Kuser of Newark in reply to an interviewer said:

"That John F. Dryden will be a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate; that his chances are bettered to be excellent; that he has received assurances of support from such men as Governor Edward C. Stokes, State Treasurer Frank O. Briggs and his colleague in the upper house of Congress, John Kean; that his record has been endorsed by many prominent business men and manufacturers."

The Police Force.

The police force now consists of a chief, eight regulars and two specials. Louis M. Collins is chief and the regular policemen are John R. Baylies, Thomas McKane, Charles Durnan, Laurence Shorter, Thomas Moran, John Blum, John R. Marshall and Walter O'Neill. The specials are Edward Shorter and Charles Drew.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL EXCURSIONS.

The Sunday-school of the First Baptist Church is arranging for an excursion to Bellwood via the Lehigh Valley Railroad on July 9th. The committee of arrangements consists of Albert E. Crane, Edward E. Baldwin, Spencer C. Hamilton, Frank S. Stone and Harry L. Osborne.

Automobile Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Underwood and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cadmus are off on a long automobile tour. The route will follow the Lackawanna Railroad through Morris and Warren counties, thence to Scranton by way of the Water Gap, Stroudsburg and Pocono mountains. From Scranton to Binghampton, thence to Haverhill and Delphi and homeward through Delaware, Sullivan and Orange counties to New York.

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